(c) and (d) At present, the work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) is in progress and, therefore, it is too early to indicate the cost as well as date of completion of the project at this stage.

Development of NHs in North-Eastern Region

1895. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and length of the existing National Highway in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) which of these roads are taken up/would be taken up for development during the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(c) the names of the roads under construction for more than three years; and

(d) the plan to expedite these works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The names and length of existing National Highways in the North Eastern Region are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Development projects are proposed to be taken up during 2005-06 and 2006-07 on the stretches of NH 31C, 31, 36, 37 and 54 under East-West Corridor of National Highway Development Programme-II (NHDP-II) through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and on the stretches of NH 31A, 36, 37, 39, 40, 44, 51, 52, 53, 54, 61, 152, 153 and 154 under Phase A of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme (SARDP-NE) through NHAI, Border Roads Organization (BRO) and State Public Works Departments of Assam. Works of widening/ strengthening, improvement of riding quality, construction/reconstruction of bridges etc. are also proposed to be taken up on the various National Highways entrusted to the BRO and the respective State PWDs under Annual Plans 2005-06 and 2006-07, based on need, inter-se priority of works and availability of funds.

(c) Details of the works sanctioned by the Ministry on various stretches of National Highways in the North Eastern Region under Plan works up to March, 2003 and presently in progress are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) Implementation of the sanctioned works is reviewed/monitored by this Ministry at various levels, from time to time, to speed up their expeditious completion.

Statement-I

Details of Existing National Highways in North Eastern Region

Sl. No.	NH No. in NER	Road sections of NH through which	State/States Length NH passes	Total (km)
1	2	3	4	5
1	31	Bauxirhat-Jalukbari	Assam	309
2	31A	W. Bengal/Sikkim Border-Gangtok	Sikkim	41
3	31B	North Salmara-Jogighopa	Assam	19.5
4	31C	Shreerampur-Rakhaldubi	Assam	93
5	36	Nagaon-Dimapur	Assam Nagaland	168
6	37	Goalpara-Saikhoaghat	Assam	689
7	37A	Kuarital-Mission Chairali	Assam	23
8	38	Makum-Lekhapani	Assam	56
9	39	Numaligarh-Dimapur-Kohima-Imphal-Moreh	Assam Nagaland Manipur	430
10	40	Jorabat-Dawki-Jowai	Meghalaya	217
11	44	Nongstoin-Shillong-Agartala-Sabroom	Meghalaya Assam Tripura	705
12	44A	Aizwal-Manu	Tripura Mizoram	240

1	2	3	4	5
13	51	Paikan-Tura-Dalu	Assam Meghalaya	148
14	52	Baihata-Charali-Tezpur-Pasighat-Dirak-Rupai	Assam Arunachal Pradesh	876
15	52A	Bander Dewa-Itanagar-Gohpur	Assam Arunachal Pradesh	61
16	52B	Kulajan-Dibrugarh	Assam	32
17	53	Badarpur-Imphal	Assam Manipur	291
18	54	Daboka-Silchar-Aizwal-Tuipang	Assam Mizoram	901
19	54A	Theriat-Lunglei	Mizoram	9
20	54B	Venus-Saddle-Saiha	Mizoram	27
21	61	Kohima-Jhanji	Nagaland Assam	258
22	62	Dudhnoi-Baghmara-Dalu	Assam Meghalaya	204
23	150	Aizwal-Imphal-Kohima	Mizoram Manipur Nagaland	792
24	151	Karimganj-Bangladesh Border	Assam	14
25	152	Patacharkuchi-Bhutan Border	Assam	38
26	153	Lekhapani-Myanmar Border	Assam Arunachal Pradesh	56
27	154	Dhaleshwari-Kanpui	Assam Mizoram	147
28	155	Mokokchung-Jessami	Nagaland Manipur	130
		TOTAL:		6975

Statement-II

Plan Works on National Highways in North-Eastern Region, sanctioned up to March, 2003

Sl. No.	NH No.	Name of the Work	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5
	1	**STATE : ARUNACHAL PRADESH**		
		There is no work, which is still ongoing from last three years.		
	2.	**STATE : ASSAM**		
1	36	Constn. of Br. across river Lunget Br. No. 48/4 i/c approaches	31.3.92(O)/ 28.07.04(R)	178.87 (O)/ 490.00(R)
2	39	Constn. of RCC Br. No. 47/1 over river Nambar and approaches at Garampani.	20.03.03	431.68
	3.	**STATE : MANIPUR**		
1	39	Reconstn. of Br. No. 298/1 at Kanglatongbi	31-03-97 (O) /3.09.02 (R)	175.29
2	39	Constn. of Br. No. 283/4 at Saparmeina	31-03-97 (O)/ 09.04.03(R)	82.18
3	39	Reconstn. of Pallel bridge in 366 km. on NH-39	31-03-97 (O) 18.02.03(R)	497.17
4	39	Constn. of Lokchao Bridge i/c. app. in km. 408	31-03-97 (O) 21.04.03(R)	306.46
5	39	Constn. of Br. No. 265/1 i/c. immediate approaches	29-01-98 (O) 27.01.03 (R)	164.56
6	39	Widening the existing single lane to double lane from 400 to 407 km.	24-01-2000	239.86
7	39	Widening of 4 lanes along with provision of paved shoulder i/c. strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement for the portion 311 to 314 km.	7-2-2000 (O) 14.08.02 (R)	550.94

1	2	3	4	5
8	39	Widening of 4 lanes along with provision of paved shoulder i/c. strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement for the portion 314 to 317.60 km.	7-2-2000 (O) 14.08.02 (R)	585.34
9	39	Widening existing single lane to double lane for the portion from Km. 420.000 to 430.400	3-9-2002	661.00
10	39	Widening single lane to double lane from Km. 410.860-420.000.	31.10.2002	689.12
	4	**STATE : MEGHALAYA**		
1	51	Reconstn. of Br. No. 94/1 i/c. approaches on NH 51	31.03.00	211.12
2	51	Reconstn. of Br. No. 94/2 i/c approaches on NH-51	31.03.00	194.56
3	40	Constn. of permanent bridge across river Umngot (Br. No. 51/3) i/c app. near Dawki.	30.06.00	869.25
4	51	Reconstruction of bridge No. 84/4 along with its approaches.	29.08.02	239.04
5	44	L.A. for construction of Jowai bypass on NH 44	22.11.99	91.859
6	51	Widening to 2 lane and stg. from Km 64 to 85 excluding Km 77-79 & Km. 83-85 on NH 51	19.03.98	1998.39
7.	51	L.A. for geometric improvement, widening formation & strengthening the hard crust of single lane pavement portion from Km. 56-64.	30.03.99	28.37
8	40	Rehabilitation of pavement from Km. 162.000 to 183.110 of Dawki-Amlarem-Jowai section	26.02.2002	1484.67

1	2	3	4	5
	5	**STATE : MIZORAM**		
		There is no work, which is still ongoing from last three years.		
	6	**STATE : NAGALAND**		
1	61	Strengthening & Improvement from km 210.0 to km 215.00	29.07.02	130.58

Development of inland waterways and water transport in A.P.

1896. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to develop inland waterways and inland water transport in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has studied the viability of the proposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when Government are expected to formally announce the approval of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to declare Kakinada-Pondicherry canals along with rivers Godavari and Krishna (1095 kms) as a National Waterway is under consideration. The proposed National waterway includes 907 km of waterways in Andhra Pradesh consisting of 171 kms of Godavari river, 157 kms of Krishna river, 50 kms of Kakinada canal, 139 kms of Eluru canal, 113 kms of Commamur canal and 277 kms of North Buckingham canal.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Techno-economic feasibility study of this proposal was conducted by Inland Waterways Authority of India through